

REMARKS

Claims 16, 24, and 25 have been amended.

Claim 23 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-22, 24, and 25 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 1, 16, and 24 are in independent format.

1. Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to better set forth that which Applicant regards as the invention, as described at Page 16, line 13 through Page 18, line 12 of the Specification, as shown in Figures 4 and 5, and to distinguish over the '189 *Meyerson et al.* reference cited in the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.

Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent Claim 23, which was noted as meeting all of the criteria of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) in the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority. Accordingly, independent Claim 16 and each of the claims which depend there from are believed to be allowable over the cited references.

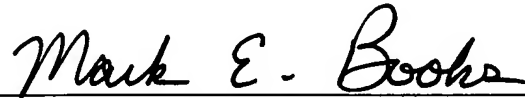
Claims 24 and 25 have been amended to better set forth that which Applicant regards as the invention, as described at Page 16, line 13 through Page 18, line 12 of the Specification, as shown in Figures 4 and 5, and to distinguish over the '189 *Meyerson et al.* reference cited in the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.

2. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, examination of all pending claims is requested.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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